THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. During Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held at New Delhi on December 27-28, 2004, it was agreed to intimate the arrest of fishermen immediately, grant consular access within three months from the date of their arrest and repatriate them on completion of sentence and nationality verification.

(c) According to available information, there are about 386 fishermen in Pakistani jails who were arrested between September 2005 and February 2006.

(d) India has an understanding and commitment with Sri Lanka to treat cases of straying fishermen of both countries in a humane and compassionate manner. There is also an understanding that while the captain and the fishing vessel can be detained during the period of legal process, the crew can be released.

Government propose to pursue the issue of early release of Indian fishermen and their boats and humane treatment to them in custody with Pakistani authorities.

Troops reduction in Jammu and Kashmir

1036. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the side lines of the recent SAARC Summit in Dhaka, Prime Minister made it clear to the Pak Foreign Minister, that there was absolutely no question of any troop reduction or demilitarization in Jammu and Kashmir unless cross border terrorism and infiltration comes to a complete halt;

(b) if so, whether the precise scenario, facts and figures pertaining to continuing terrorism and infiltration across the borders and line of control in Jammu and Kashmir were brought before the Pak Foreign Minister; and

(c) the reaction and response of the Pak Foreign Minister thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) During the 13th SAARC Summit in Dhaka on 12-13 November 2005, Prime Minister met Pakistani

Prime Minister who conveyed that in seeking a resolution on the Jammu and Kashmir issue the two countries could, *inter alia*, explore ideas such as demilitarisation. PM stated that there would be no question of redeployment of security forces by India while cross border terrorism and infiltration continued and there was no cessation of acts of terrorist violence PM reiterated India's concern regarding cross-border terrorism and asked Pakistan to take effective measures to control it.

Pakistan denies that there are any terrorist training camps in Pakistan.

Nuclear energy agreement with USA

1037. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether America is fulfilling the terms of Nuclear Energy Agreement made by Prime Minister last year;

(b) whether it is a fact or any iota of doubt that America intend to have international check on our atomic fast breeder reactors;

(c) the opinion of our nuclear experts and scientist in that respect; and

(d) whether Government would consider or take action according to the opinion or advice of our nuclear experts and scientist or Chairman of Nuclear Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Under the terms of the 18 July 2005 Indo-US Joint Statement, India and US are continuing their discussions to fully implement the understanding on cooperation in civil nuclear energy.

(b) Under the terms of this understanding, India will be identifying and separating its civilian and military nuclear facilities and programs in a phased manner and filing a declaration regarding its civilians facilities with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and would place voluntarily its civilian nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards. The separation of the Indian nuclear facilities would be done voluntarily by us based on India's national interest.